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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

The Southern Command currently has 2 sworn vacancies. 17 cadets are currently attending the training academy, 14 in Las Vegas and three in Carson City. The new hires and transfers have dramatically reduced our vacancies within the Southern Command.

Southern Command personnel handled 1216 crashes as compared to 935 crashes in September of 2004. This was an increase of 30.1%. Crashes resulting in fatalities decreased 33.3% as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 4 fatal crashes in September 2005 and 6 fatal crashes in September 2004. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 19.0% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 69 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was one fatality; 15 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 53 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.7% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1202 crash reports and 389 arrest reports during September 2005. This resulted in 7523 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 10.7% increase as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services decreased by 18.9% when compared September 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 24,858 CAD incidents and 38,250 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 5.6% in September 2005, as compared to the September 2004. Total DUI arrests were down 7.5% as compared to last month, however DUI's from crashes were down 17.9% as compared to last month. The Commercial Operations Section showed substantial increases in hazardous citations/arrests, safety inspections, drivers placed out of service, overweight citations, total dyed fuel inspections, and total vehicles weighed as compared to September 2004.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties admirably, and have benefited from a much needed increase in manpower, that resulted from the July academy graduation. The 24,858 incidents/contacts with the public in September can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes. These contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation. The increases in overall activity in September can be attributed to the ongoing successful field training of new Troopers currently in the field training program.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

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## CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September-05	September-04	% Change	August-05	% Change
Total crashes	1216	935	30.1%	1162	4.6%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	947	690	37.2%	873	8.5%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	265	239	10.9%	280	-5.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	6	-33.3%	9	-55.6%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	46	56	-17.9%	45	2.2%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	7	-42.9%	9	-55.6%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	2	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	2	-200.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	2	-50.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	4	-75.0%	2	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	69	58	19.0%	67	3.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	53	55	-3.6%	49	8.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	15	3	400.0%	17	-11.8%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%

## CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.3%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.8%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.7%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.7%
- ✱ Total crashes up 30.1% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 19.0% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes decreased 33.3% from last year.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	Sept 2005		Sept 2004	% Change		August 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	46		56	-17.9%		45	2.2%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	129		133	-3.0%		124	4.0%
Other arrests	690		768	-10.2%		869	-20.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	339		390	-13.1%		364	-6.9%
Speed violations	2284		2224	2.7%		2476	-7.8%
Hazardous moving violations	1799		1454	23.7%		1874	-4.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	393		292	34.6%		451	-12.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	7634		7227	5.6%		8373	-8.8%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	145		84	72.6%		86	68.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	104		138	-24.6%		148	-29.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	826		771	7.1%		964	-14.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		N/A	#VALUE!		5	-500.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	209		293	-28.7%		220	-5.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1336		1128	18.4%		1540	-13.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	74		57	29.8%		82	-9.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	91		87	4.6%		81	12.3%
Total school buses inspected	224		263	-14.8%		323	-30.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	28		36	-22.2%		43	-34.9%
Total trucks weighed	637		81	686.4%		87	632.2%
Total overweight citations	36		7	414.3%		24	50.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	1120		817	37.1%		868	29.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	34		13		33
Safety Violations Citation	11		37		6
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	1		45		16
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	4		5		5
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		1		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.148%
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ★ 7% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ★ 11% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is up 5.6% from last year and down 8.8% from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is up 72.6% from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 7.1% from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September-05	September-04	% Change	August-05	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	116,892	N/A **	N/A	118821	-1.6%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	389,451	N/A **	N/A	416832	-6.6%
CAD Incidents	24,858	20,855	19.2%	24002	3.6%
Telephone Calls	38,250	37,245	2.7%	41302	-7.4%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	133	191	-30.4%	150	-11.3%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	1,202	1,068	12.5%	1234	-2.6%
Arrest Reports Processed	389	505	-23.0%	381	2.1%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	28	27	3.7%	8	250.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	96	162	-40.7%	102	-5.9%
Visitors at Counter	690	851	-18.9%	916	-24.7%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7,523	6,798	10.7%	7287	3.2%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	134	514	-73.9%	288	-53.5%
Warrants Entered	344	954	-63.9%	198	73.7%
Warrants Cleared	212	216	-1.9%	236	-10.2%
Warrants Validated	1082	1595	-32.2%	1202	-10.0%
Extradition / Transports	13	26	-50.0%	7	-23.5%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>					
New Cases Submitted	83	113	-26.5%	58	-1.2%
New Items Submitted	164	271	-39.5%	99	0.6%
Items Disposed	7	80	-93.3%	4	75.0%

\*\*Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- ✿ 8 Contracts requiring 251.10 work hours, billing \$14,585.20

**EVIDENCE**

- ✿ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 95.2% of case submissions.
- ✿ Parole and Probation responsible for 3.6% of case submissions.
- ✿ Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✿ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 1.2% of case submissions.

**AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS**

- ✿ 4 Enforcement missions flown.
- ✿ 4 Prisoner transports.

**COMMENDATIONS**

- ✿ 4 from public to sworn
- ✿ 1 from other Public Organizations

**PUBLIC INFORMATION****NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. September 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:**

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers utilized the Camaro and HEAT truck at several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety.

**HEAT RACING CONTINUED:**

There was no participation during the test and tune session in the month of September, although we will again be involved in October.

**NEVADA RESPONSE TEAM:**

Researching details of the deployment, mission, and return of the Nevada Response Team. Supplies and donations were obtained and media coverage of all aspects of the deployment were coordinated.

**AAA CHILDSEAT CHECKPOINT:**

In co-operation with AAA and Safekids we manned a child seat checkpoint at 111 N. Nellis. We educated the public on proper installation of child seats and replaced seats that had been recalled or were unsafe.

**Public Requests for Information: 97**

3 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints  
61 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.  
33 were in reference to the deployment of the Nevada Response Team and their relief effort in Mississippi.

**Press releases: 10**

4 were Fatal related  
6 were NHP related